

15 and 16 and species claims 1 and 12 read. However, the requirement for election is traversed.
A prior art search for species I would also cover species II and III.

The status of the claims now pending in the present application is as follows:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Status</u>
1. (Original)	Independent.
2. (Original)	Depends from claim 1.
3. (Original)	Depends from claim 2.
4. (Original)	Depends from claim 3.
5. (Original)	Depends from claim 4.
6. (Original)	Depends from claim 5.
7. (Original)	Depends from claim 1.
8. (Original)	Depends from claim 7.
9. (Original)	Depends from claim 8.
10. (Original)	Depends from claim 9.
11. (Original)	Depends from claim 1.
12. (Original)	Independent.
13. (Original)	Independent.
15. (Original)	Independent.
16. (Original)	Independent.

This response is intended to be a complete response to the second Office Action mailed March 4, 2004. The action is an election/restriction requirement for an election of species for examination of the above-identified United States patent application and NOT an action on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the Attorneys listed below should any questions arise concerning this response.

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